

IN THE FIGURES:

Pursuant to *37 CFR §1.121(d)*, Applicant files with this Amendment, a Formal Drawing Transmittal Letter that describes a change to each of original Figs. 1, 3 and 5 in this application. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's approval of each change.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application, and reconsideration of the Office Action dated August 8, 2005. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1 and 3-11 will remain pending in this application. Claim 1 has been canceled. Claim 2 has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of previous claim 1, and to correct certain minor informalities. Claims 3-10 have been amended to correct certain minor informalities. No new matter is incorporated by this Amendment.

As an initial matter, Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's express indication that claims 2-10 contain allowable subject matter. While these claims were objected to, the Examiner indicated they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claim. In response, Applicant has amended independent claim 2 by including the features of claim 1 therein. Accordingly, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Hakamada (U.S. Pat. No. 4,403,243) is overcome.

Since the remaining claims all ultimately depend from claim 2, all of these claims are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

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As requested in the specification, Applicant has also amended the specification and Figures to correct certain errors. No new matter is introduced as a result of these minor corrections. Applicant requests the Examiner's approval of the new formal drawings.

Applicant respectfully submits that this Amendment and the above remarks obviate the outstanding objection and rejection in this case, thereby placing the application in condition for immediate allowance. Allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

If any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are due in connection with this filing, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 02-4300; Order No. 033035.145.

If an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 is necessary that is not accounted for herewith, such an extension is requested. The extension fee should be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-4300; Order No. 033035.145.

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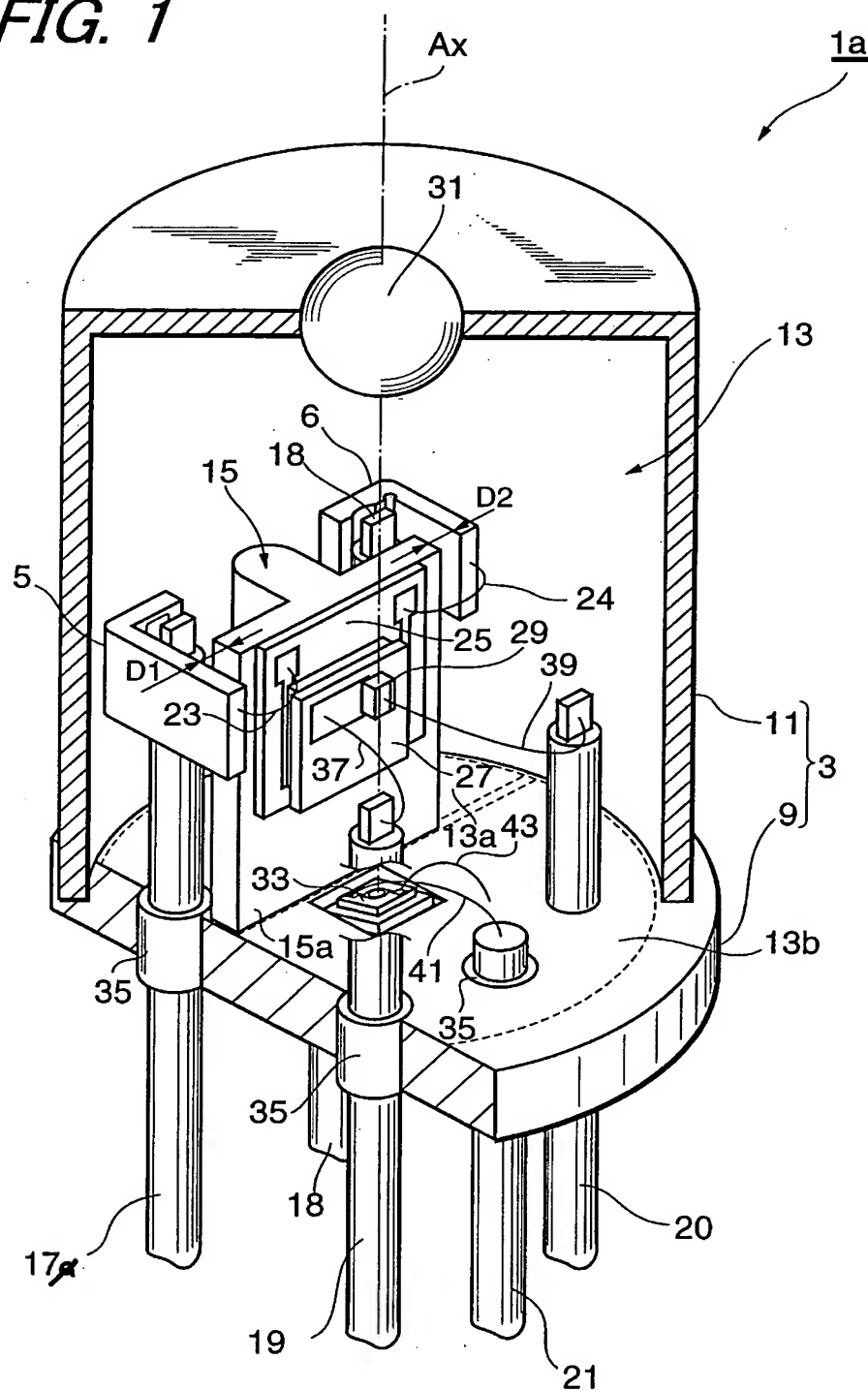


FIG. 3

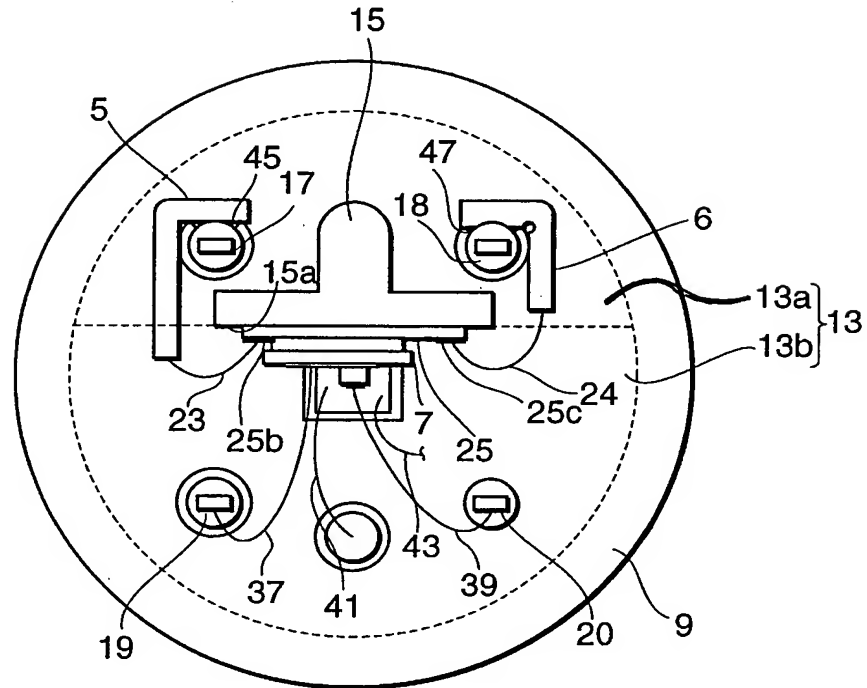


FIG. 5

